

Algebra 2 Individual Test
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The abbreviation NOTA, found in choice E of each question, means “None of The Above [Answers]” and should be chosen if choices A, B, C and D are not correct.

$$i = \sqrt{-1}.$$

$f^{-1}(x)$ is the inverse function for $f(x)$.

1. Find the sum of the digits of the decimal form of $2^{2029} \cdot 5^{2024}$.

A. 0
B. 2
C. 5
D. 6
E. NOTA

2. Let $f(x) = 4 \cdot 8^{x+1}$. Find the value of

k so that $f(2k) = \frac{1}{2}$.

A. -1
B. 1
C. 2
D. 4
E. NOTA

3. Solve $2 + \log_3(x) = \log_3(x+1)$ over the real numbers.

A. $\frac{1}{16}$
B. $\frac{1}{8}$
C. $\frac{1}{4}$
D. $\frac{1}{2}$
E. NOTA

4. A parabola has vertex $(-6, 2)$ and two x-intercepts, one positive and one negative. If the equation of the parabola is $y = ax^2 + bx + c$, then which of the coefficients (a , b , and c) are negative?

A. a only
B. a, b only
C. b, c only
D. a, b, c
E. NOTA

5. The graph of L_1 is a line with x-intercept 4 and y-intercept 3. The line L_2 has a graph perpendicular to L_1 and which contains the point $(6, 2)$. Find the x-coordinate of the point of intersection of L_1 and L_2 .

A. $\frac{102}{25}$
B. $\frac{72}{25}$
C. $\frac{22}{5}$
D. $\frac{108}{25}$
E. NOTA

6. Solve $2 + |4 - x| < x$ over the real numbers. Answers are in interval form.

A. $(-3, 3)$
B. $(-3, 4)$
C. $(4, \infty)$
D. $(3, \infty)$
E. NOTA

7. A two-digit number x has the value of y when its digits are reversed and $x > y$. If $(x + y)$ is a perfect square integer, which of the following could be x ?

A. 99
B. 96
C. 92
D. 63
E. NOTA

8. For (x, y) the solution to the system of equations $2^{x+y} = 16$ and $2^{x-y} = \frac{1}{8}$, evaluate $9^x \cdot 4^y$.

A. 384
B. $18\sqrt{2}$
C. $16\sqrt{2}$
D. 49.5
E. NOTA

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9. The discriminant of $4x^2 - x\sqrt{2} + 1$ is twice the discriminant of $2x^2 + kx + k^2$. Give the positive value of k .

- A. 14 B. 7
C. $\sqrt{7}$ D. 1
E. NOTA

10. The system $\begin{cases} y \geq 3x + 6 \\ 2x + 3y > k \end{cases}$ for k being a positive real constant has a solution graphed on the xy -plane. Which of the following points cannot be in the solution set of the system?

- A. $(0, -k)$ B. $(0, 3k)$
C. $(1, k)$ D. $(-1, 4k)$
E. NOTA

11. $f(x) = 4\sqrt{x-1} + 2$. Find the real value of x for which $f^{-1}(x+1) = 4$.

- A. -1 B. $1 + 4\sqrt{3}$
C. 7 D. 9
E. NOTA

12. The graph of $y = x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ has two distinct real roots. There is a root of multiplicity 2 at $x = \frac{1}{2}$ and a root at $x = 8$. Give the value of b .

- A. -9 B. -8
C. 4 D. 33
E. NOTA

13. The number 2024 can be written as the product of two positive integers, x and y , whose difference is as small as possible. What is $|x - y|$?

- A. 1 B. 2
C. 3 D. 4
E. NOTA

14. The system S, defined as $4x - y = 3$ and $6x + 4y = -1$, has solution (a, b) . Give the value of $(a + b)$.

- A. $-\frac{3}{2}$ B. $-\frac{1}{2}$
C. $\frac{1}{2}$ D. $\frac{3}{2}$
E. NOTA

15. When the polynomial P $2x^4 - x^3 - 14x^2 + cx + d$ is divided by $(2x - 1)$, the remainder is 1 or $\frac{1}{2x - 1}$.

Give the value of $c + 2d$.

- A. 11 B. 10
C. 9 D. -5
E. NOTA

16. An ellipse has equation $4x^2 + y^2 = 4$, the endpoints of the major axis are at points (a, b) and (c, d) . Find the value of $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$.

- A. 2 B. 4
C. $2\sqrt{2}$ D. 8
E. NOTA

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17. The function $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + P$ has exactly one real root, at $x = Q$. The graph of f is lowered 100 units so that the new graph has two real roots, at $x = R$ and $x = S$. Find $Q + R + S$.

- A. 18 B. 14
C. 6 D. 2
E. NOTA

18. For the equation $x^2 - x = 5$, with complex solutions $a_1 + b_1i$ and $a_2 - b_2i$, find the product of the real components of the solutions, a_1 and a_2 .

- A. -5 B. -4
C. $\frac{1}{4}$ D. 21
E. NOTA

19. $f(x) = x \cdot 6^x$. If $f(6) = f(-6) \cdot k$, find the value of k .

- A. -6^{12} B. -6^2
C. 6^2 D. 6^{12}
E. NOTA

20. If $5^{2x} + 5 = 6 \cdot 5^x$ then find the value of $x^2 + 1$.

- A. 0 B. 1
C. 0 or 1 D. 1 or 2
E. NOTA

21. The solution to the system $a_1x + b_1y = c_1$ and $a_2x + b_2y = c_2$ has

$$x - \text{coordinate given by } \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -12 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

when Cramer's Rule is used. Find the y -coordinate of the system.

- A. 0 B. -1
C. -2 D. -4
E. NOTA

22. For a domain of $x \geq 0$, suppose

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2^x \div \frac{1}{2} & \text{for } x < 3 \\ 2^x \cdot \frac{1}{2} & \text{for } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Find the value of $f(0) + f(1) + f(2) + f(3) + f(4)$.

- A. 0 B. 2
C. 15.5 D. 26
E. NOTA

23. For $c > 0$, the points $(c, 96)$ and $(5, c)$ lie on a line with slope c . Which of the following is an equation of that line?

- A. $y = 12x - 48$ B. $y = 8x - 56$
C. $y = 12x + 63$ D. $y = 8x + 56$
E. NOTA

24. Which of the following is equal to $\frac{18^{30}}{36^{15}}$?

- A. 3^{30} B. 6^{15}
C. 3^{15} D. 6^{12}
E. NOTA

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25. Suppose p is any positive integral multiple of 8 such that $p \geq 8$ and the expression $x^p + \frac{1}{x^p}$ has the same numerical result regardless of p .

Consider the solution to the equation

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = \sqrt{3}$$

solved over the complex numbers; then, find the value of

$$\left(x^{2024} + \frac{1}{x^{2024}} \right).$$

- A. 3^{1012} B. 1
C. $3i$ D. -1
E. NOTA

26. For $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+2} - \frac{1}{x-2}$ and

$g(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$, the domain of $g(f(x))$ is all real numbers over which of the following interval(s)?

- A. $(-\infty, -2] \cup [2, \infty)$
B. $(-2, -1] \cup [1, 2)$
C. $(-2, 2)$
D. $[1, 2)$
E. NOTA

27. For $f(x) = -x^3 + 14x^2 - 49x$ over the interval $[-10, 10]$, for how many integer values of x is $f(x) < 0$?

- A. 15 B. 14
C. 10 D. 9
E. NOTA

28. For the equation

$$\log_6(\log_2(\log_2(\log_{60}(N)))) = 2024,$$

how many distinct prime factors does N have?

- A. 1 B. 2
C. 3 D. 6
E. NOTA

29. The graphs of $y = -|x+a|+b$ and

$y = |x|+c$ intersect at $(6,3)$ and $(-3,0)$. Find the value of $a+b-c$.

- A. 9 B. 6
C. 3 D. 0
E. NOTA

30. Given that $(2-2i)^8 = 2^p$, find the value of p .

- A. 16 B. 12
C. 8 D. 4
E. NOTA